

There is talk of an extra session of the Legislature.

The Missouri Legislature will probably adjourn next Monday.

The President is giving little consolation to the Missouri office seekers.

In the eyes of the Republican office seekers Mark Hanna is unquestionably the biggest man in America.

The prize fight at Carson City has certainly monopolized the attention of the American press and public for the past few weeks.

PLUCKY little Greece refuses to bend her knee in suppliance to the bull-dozing powers! American sympathy is strongly in favor of the Greeks.

EDITOR RUSSELL of Crawford county will serve two years more as Sergeant-at-arms of the House of Congress, having been re-elected last Monday. Very few country editors so lucky as Russell!

The editors of the rival papers at Potosi met on the street week before last and indulged in the luxury of a "scrap." Nobody badly hurt, and both papers out on time the following week.

The University lobby was completely knocked out in the House Tuesday afternoon. A second attempt was made to pass the Endowment bill, and it was defeated by a larger majority than before.

The lower Mississippi is out of its banks and is destroying life and property south of Cairo. The waters are higher than were ever known before, the river at Memphis being over twenty-five miles wide.

CONGRESS convened in extra session Monday and the Dingley tariff bill was introduced. The new measure acquiesces in every demand of the manufacturers, and raises the duty on all necessities from thirty-five to fifty per cent.

The Legislature is about ready to adjourn. Beyond the passage of a fellow servant law we can't recall any measures of importance or of benefit to the people that have been enacted into laws. Another instance of neglected opportunities.

The bill introduced by Representative Lee of Carter county providing for the location of an insane asylum in Southeast Missouri was reported unfavorably by the committee and, it is feared, stands little likelihood of becoming a law during the present session.

The nerviest thing we've seen in print for some time is the following taken from the editorial column of Wednesday's *Globe-Democrat*: "The Republicans are pledged to attack the trusts and they are in the habit of fulfilling their promises!" Gall, pure and undefiled!

REPRESENTATIVE FARRAR voted against the University Endowment bill when that measure was before the House Tuesday. The Dr. has proven a faithful and conscientious representative, and as far as we have been able to learn, has invariably voted in accordance with the wishes of his people.

The spring campaign in St. Louis gives every indication of being an exceedingly interesting one. Both parties nominate their tickets this week and then the fun in dead earnest will begin. As usual, both sides are confident of success. But in this instance the result probably depends considerably on the nominations made by the two parties.

"OLE MAN FILLEY" seems to be in the soup so far as the federal patronage is concerned. There is no longer any doubt that "Star Route" Dick Kerens will control all the Missouri appointments. Filley is at last a back number, yet the fact remains, according to our way of thinking, that he has done more work for his party in Missouri than any other man in the State.

The editor of the *Bonne Terre Democrat-Register* is having a hard time of it. Last summer, he played cuckoo, deserted his party and went into the camp of the enemy to secure the appointment to the Bonne Terre post-office. The senate failed to confirm him and Mr. McKinley will probably appoint a Republican, longer in the party ranks, to succeed the present incumbent.

THERE has been considerable speculation as to just what position Rev. Steel, defeated candidate for Congress, has his eyes on! So far as the public goes the reverend gentleman has kept his desires to himself, but being a defeated Republican candidate for Congress, it has been known all the time that he was after something. Now the rumor comes from Washington that he wants to be Congressional Librarian, or "something equally as good." Rev. Steel is not all modest in his demands.

The mill that is to grind out "prosperity" for the American people was set in motion at Washington Monday. We very much fear that the genuine article of "prosperity" will not come until a western Democrat in sympathy with western wants and ideas occupies the White House. To a man up a tree, it looks just now as if the trusts and corporations are going to have everything their own way under the McKinley administration.

NEW YORK Journal: "After an exciting campaign on the currency question, Congress meets in extra session to-day to take up the tariff question. Four years ago Grover Cleveland, who was elected to the Presidency on the tariff issue, called Congress in extra session to bring about additional contraction in the currency. Some of these days the voters will succeed in electing a President who will give some consideration to their desires."

Post-Dispatch: "If the foreigner pays the tariff tax, as President McKinley professes to believe, what a big tax American farmers would have to pay if Great Britain were to put high tariff duties on American grain, beef, fruit, etc. The British consumer would be getting everything as cheap as he gets it now and Great Britain would be receiving a large income. Let Mr. McKinley beware lest Europe shall discover this great fact in political economy."

EVERY Democrat has experienced a decided sensation of relief since the inauguration of McKinley. In the first place the party has cast off the incubus of Clevelandism forever. The Hills, the Clelands, the Whitneys, the Francis', the Vilases and the Palmers with their regime of fraud and hypocrisy are gone from the party never to return. Any attempt to affiliate with these men will not only fail to help them but will wreck the party. The rank and file have no use for traitors. They never were Democrats; their whole aim has been to wrench Democracy from its foundations and divorce it from its traditions. They are wholly unacquainted with its spirit and regard its founder Jefferson—with aversion. One of the blessings vouchsafed to the party by a beneficent providence is, that these men have been placed outside of the breast work. That the policy of the McKinley-Hanna people can bring even temporary prosperity, no one believes. The leaders of the Republican party are endeavoring to prepare their rank and file for disappointment by telling them not to expect too much. Both Dun's and Bradstreet's show that prices are gradually but surely falling. Every prediction made by the Democratic press and by Democratic orators in the last campaign has been verified. Puck's recent cartoon, in which McKinley is represented as striking the rock of prosperity, and ragged men, hungry women and helpless childhood as holding out hat, apron and bib to catch the golden stream that flows from the smitten rock is gravely underscored with the words "These people expect too much"; yet, in the last campaign Puck openly and shamelessly prostituted himself to the money power. The people who own both Cleveland and McKinley care nothing for the welfare of the common people. They are not Americans. They are perfectly willing that Americans shall die by starvation in their own country or be shot and tortured in Cuba if their money bags gain anything thereby. They are not men of a wide range of thought. Like Charles the Second of England they believe that every man and woman can be purchased if you can but ascertain the price. They think that the people will bear any burden they can be accustomed to and that by the liberal use of money they can retain their present power indefinitely. This class of men have always been overthrown in the long run. Men of sense in the Republican party perceive that the rule of these men means ruin to that party as well as to the country. They are raising their voices against the greed of the plutocracy, but they will not be able to call a halt. The hyena does not leave its prey so easily. The Tariff Baron and the Money Lord expended millions in the last campaign to elect McKinley, and they expect their money back with usury and are in a position to obtain it. No amount of pleading or protestation will avail; they will have their pound of flesh with every drop of blood it carries. Meanwhile the Democracy, like a Sampson freed from the Delilah of Plutocracy, with locks regrown, is again in the field to do battle against the Plutocrats as was its wont. All we have to do is to go forward in the strength of the right, and victory will perch upon our banners. Let the Chicago platform be altered in no particular, let no dash or comma be omitted. As it is, it is as sound as the rock of ages. The Democrat who proposes any change in it should do so with a halter around his neck.

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The southeast corner of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section three, township thirty-three, range four east, situate in Iron County, State of Missouri, containing six acres, more or less.

(An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill showing the amount of taxes, interest and County Clerk's fees now due on said real estate for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$57.00, is filed with said petition, as provided by law.) And unless they be and appear at the next term of said Court, to be held for the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, at the courthouse in said County, on the fourth Monday in April next (1897) and on or before the third day thereof (if the term shall so long continue; and, if not, then before the end of the term), and plead, answer or demur to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed, judgment rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs, be sold under a special fieri facias to be issued thereon.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the *IRON COUNTY REGISTER*, a weekly newspaper published in said County of Iron, and State of Missouri.

ARTHUR HUFF, Clerk.

A true copy:

Attest, with seal, this 23d day of February, 1897.

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have performed their duties. If they had anything more than the reports and demands from the head of departments govern their actions, it has been something more of the same kind. As far as any opportunity for a member to learn the facts or necessities of any of the institutions is concerned, one might as well have remained at home. If the committees reported the demands of the chiefs without further particulars, they had as well have saved themselves the trouble of going over the lengthy documents.

The financial condition of the state's exchequer has necessitated considering figuring to meet the necessary expenditures, and help the extravagant appendages to maintain their little kingdoms. The decrease of the state tax from twenty to fifteen cents on the hundred dollars assessed valuation, caused a loss of one third of the state revenue for general purposes. While the increase of value, owing to the financial condition, has not greatly lessened the shortage resulting therefrom. And as it seems to be the custom to use about all of the income for one purpose or other, and as no one offered to accept a less amount for the support of their lobby, it looks as if there might be trouble in sight. Appropriations were made to take care of all of the favorites except the University, and for fear that this white elephant would fare less sumptuously than usual, it was decided to take it from the common herd and pastures and turn it into the garden of the treasury. The size of the appropriation being out of proportion to the ability for its support, it must have an endowment far in excess of any former occasion, and this was made possible by transferring its support to the state interest fund. Which would only consume about a hundred thousand dollars a year, and consequently postpone the payment of the state debt. There is a sentiment prevailing among the members that the educational institutions of the state, after being so perfectly equipped and established, should be put on their merits and be self sustaining, and complete for their patronage along with similar business matters. The maintenance of extravagant luxuries, for the higher education of a class of citizens who, if able to attend any of the state schools, are able to pay for their benefits, ceases to be a virtue and becomes a burden to an over taxed people. There are enough necessary state charities, without fostering unessential ones. The University and Normal schools are virtually local institutions and are only a benefit to the few surrounding counties, and the state would do well to take them to their patrons and friends. Deficiency reports are in evidence, where the appropriations of previous legislatures have been too small to meet the extravagance of mismanagement. As soon as all the possible probable income has been appropriated, the administration will be willing to return to the tax payers, and explain what we tried to do for them. A lot of Indian Cigar signs could accomplish as much if they could be made to vote when necessary and sit down in the mean time.

G. W. F., Jr.

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